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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the following invention:

Title: METHODS AND DEVICE FOR CHARACTERIZING OSI MATERIALS

 The specification of which is attached hereto.

<u>X</u> The specification of which was filed on	<u>August 25, 2006</u>
as Application Serial No.	<u>10,590,971</u>
and was amended on	<u>August 25, 2006</u> (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America.

Prior Foreign Application(s):

German Patent Application No. 10 2004 009 870.0, filed February 26, 2004

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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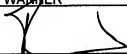
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